

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for efficiently transmitting₁ to a client, a content update, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) hosting₁ for transmission₁ a content update ~~[[comprising]]~~ having a plurality of data files;
 - b) identifying a subset of the plurality of data files ~~[[comprising the content update]]~~ as high-quality data files;
 - c) creating a high-quality content update ~~[[comprising]]~~ that includes the identified high-quality data files;
 - d) receiving a client connection request;
 - e) determining that high-quality data files are to be transmitted to the client;
 - f) transmitting the high-quality data files from the high-quality content update; and
 - g) transmitting the remaining data files ~~[[comprised]]~~ in the content update.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein step a) comprises storing₁ on a network storage device₂ a content update ~~[[comprising]]~~ having a plurality of data files.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1_x wherein step b) comprises using a data quality function to identify ~~[[identifying]]~~ a subset of the plurality of data files ~~[[comprising]]~~ contained in the content update as high-quality data files ~~[[using a data quality function]]~~.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3_x wherein the plurality of data files contained in the content update are sorted by data quality, and wherein a certain fixed percentage of the highest quality data components are separated as high-quality data files.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3_x wherein the data quality function yields a data quality that is a function of ~~[[is based on]]~~ the sizes of the plurality of data files.
6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1_x further comprising the step of removing the high-quality data files from the content update.
7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1_x wherein step e) comprises determining that the received request includes a bit value indicating high-quality files should be transferred.
8. **(Currently Amended)** A method for efficiently transmitting a content update from a server to a client, the method comprising:
 - a) the server hosting a content update ~~[[comprising]]~~ having a plurality of data files;
 - b) identifying a subset of the plurality of data files ~~[[comprising]]~~ from the content update as high-quality data files;
 - c) creating, by the server, a high-quality content update that includes ~~[[comprising]]~~ the identified high-quality data files;

- d) the client requesting a connection with the server;
 - e) determining, by the server, that high-quality data files should be transmitted to the client;
 - f) the client receiving data files from the high-quality content update to the client; and
 - g) the client receiving the remaining data files ~~[[comprised in]]~~ from the content update to the client.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein step a) comprises storing, on a network storage device, a content update comprising a plurality of data files.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein step b) comprises identifying a subset of the plurality of data files as high-quality data files using a data quality function.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[9]]~~10, wherein the plurality of data files contained in the content update are sorted by data quality, and a certain fixed percentage of the highest quality data components are separated as high-quality data files.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[9]]~~10, wherein the data quality function ~~[[is based on]]~~ yields a data quality that is a function of the sizes of the plurality of data files.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of removing the high-quality data files from the content update.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein step e) comprises determining that the received request includes a bit value indicating high-quality files should be transferred.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer based content updating apparatus comprising:

a non-volatile memory element storing a content update ~~[[comprising]]~~
having a plurality of data files;

a processor in electrical communication with the non-volatile memory element for identifying a subset of the data files in the content update as high-quality data files, separating the high-quality data files from the content update, and storing, in the non-volatile memory element, a high-quality content update ~~[[comprising]]~~ that includes the separated high-quality data files; and

~~[[and]]~~ a transceiver in electrical communication with the non-volatile memory element and the processor, the transceiver receiving a connection request from a remote client on a network;

wherein the processor determines that high-quality data files are to be transmitted to the client and the transceiver transmits data files from the high-quality content update and the remaining data files ~~[[comprising]]~~ from the content update.

- 16. (Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim **15**, wherein, using a data quality function, the processor identifies a subset of the plurality of data files as high-quality data files ~~[[using a data quality function]]~~.
- 17. (Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim **15**, wherein the processor removes the high-quality data files from the content update.
- 18. (Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim **15**, wherein the connection request from a remote client received by the transceiver includes a bit value indicating high-quality files should be transferred.
- 19. (Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim **15**, wherein the non-volatile memory element comprises a network storage device.

- 20. (Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim **15_a** wherein the non-volatile memory element is associated with a first computer, the processor is associated with a second computer, the transceiver is associated with a third computer, and the first computer, second computer, and third computer are in electrical connection with each other over a network.